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## CATHOLIC—FOREIGN.

The Bishops of South Africa are preparing for a plenary council, and the Holy Father will send them an encyclical for the occasion.

The gift to the Holy Father of a diamond of 971 carats, found in the mines of Jagersfontein, South Africa, turns out to be a hoax started by a Parisian paper.

There are at the present time eighty students for the priesthood at the Damien Institute in Aerschot, Belgium, who intend to devote their lives to the evangelization of the heathens in Oceania.

A consistory was held on Monday in Rome, at which the Pope preconized sixty-five archbishops and bishops, including the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Canada, and the Bishop of St. Johns.

A letter has been written by the Holy Father recommending the Bishops in Piedmont to aid as far as possible a society which has been formed in Turin for promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

From Varsovia comes the news that the Catholic church at Kroze, which was closed last year after brutal outrages had been perpetrated on the congregation, has been reopened by the order of the Czar.

The death of Mgr. Sacre, formerly chaplain to the Pontifical Zouaves, acting also in that capacity on the battlefield of Mentana, took place last week at Antwerp, where he had been of the Cathedral for the last twenty-six years.

There seems to be a fair prospect, says the *Liverpool Catholic Times*, that the Chief Secretary will at last concede to the Christian Brothers what the justice of their case and the popular will in Ireland have sufficiently made manifest should be granted.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan recently assembled in Sydney, New South Wales, elected Mother Mary Gertrude Byrne, of the Magdalen home, Tempe, Mother-General in succession to Rev. Mother Mary Magdalene Adamson, who has retired after holding the office for some twenty years.

It is reported that the Pope is preparing an encyclical letter denouncing the anti-Semitic agitation in Europe. The Vatican's attention was directed most forcibly to the subject by the excitement among Austrian Catholics when Cardinal Rampolla sent a friendly despatch to Prince Alois Liechtenstein as chief of the anti-Semitic Congress assembled at the time in Linz.

The Jesuit Father are preparing to open at Amsterdam, Holland, a university on the line of the Louvain university. This news will be received with gratification by all Catholics. The youths of that country who want a university education have to go to Switzerland and Germany. They will now have the same advantages in their own country under more favorable conditions.

Roman Catholic authorities have made a careful estimate of the number of inhabitants of Great Britain in communion with the Catholic Church, and the figures arrived at show 1,800,000 in England, 364,000 in Scotland and 3,549,656 in Ireland. Including British America (with about 2,300,000), Australia, India and all other possessions, the total Roman Catholic population of the British Empire is said to be about ten millions.

For two years the plan of making the church absolutely free to all worshippers has been tried at St. George's Roman Catholic cathedral, Southark, London. The bishop reports that the first year the voluntary contributions fell only \$500 below the former receipts, while the number of worshippers increased by 304. Last year there was a further increase of 155 each Sunday, with a reduction of the deficiency of \$300.

A very commendable attitude was taken by the German Catholic members of the Reichstag on the question of passing laws that should forbid Hebrews to enter the fatherland. Herr Lieber, the Centrist leader, said he and his colleagues would oppose such a measure for the reason that they did not believe in exceptional legislation for any class, and if they supported this measure would be powerless to protest against a similar enactment that might be levelled hereafter against Catholics.

Prince Charles von Hohenlohe-Langenberg, born May 11, 1866, has just left the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics, Rome to devote himself to parochial duty. His eminence Cardinal Kopp, Prince Bishop of Breslau, has appointed the young ecclesiastic to the post of assistant priest in the parish of Habelschwerdt, in Silesia. Father von Hohenlohe belongs to the senior branch of that house, and is therefore a near relation of Cardinal von Hohenlohe, Archbishop of St. Mary Major's and Prince von Hohenlohe, Chancellor of the German Empire.

The other day as Cardinal Galimberti was driving in the Corso, one of his black horses fell and its companion took fright and attempted to run away. The Cardinal was saved from danger by his own presence of mind. He at once alighted from the carriage and entered a shop, and was able to return home in safety. The Cardinal's friends can say he has been saved for great things. He is one of the most distinguished and able Cardinals, as the readers of *The Catholic Times* may know from Mr. Metzler's sketch of him, which you lately reproduced.

An Irish national musical festival, to be called the Feis, is to be established in Dublin. Its objects are to give an opportunity to hear Irish music, particularly old tunes, given in the traditional manner; to encourage the publication of old Irish airs not yet set down in writing; to sing songs in Gaelic and to encourage a new Irish school of composers. The committee in charge consists of Irish musicians, with Dr. Villiers Stanford at their head, and of members of the National Literary society and of the Gaelic league. The plan of the festival is somewhat after that of the Welsh Eisteddfod.

Father Tekerie, a German priest, has been nominated successor to the late Mgr. Carlin, as high prefect of the Vatican Library. The staff of the library consists of the librarian, a vice librarian, two prefects, six interpreters, who study and preserve the codices, publish the inedited ones, etc. The charge of vice librarian was instituted by Leo XIII., and conferred on his brother, who was succeeded by Mgr. Capelletto, now librarian. From Pope Julius III., in 1550, until now there have been thirty-three librarians, and among their names are the distinguished ones of Marc Antonio Colonna, Cesar Barronio, Borghese-Caffarelli, Luigi Capponi, Flavio Chigi, Benedetto Panulli, Angelo Mirini, Girolamo Cassanata, Passeonci, Lambrusini, Mai and Tosti.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Langevin—Very Rev. Father Langevin will be consecrated Archbishop of St. Boniface on Tuesday.

Katzer—Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee had a private audience with the Holy Father on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Veale—Rev. Father Veale, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Memphis, Tenn., celebrated his silver jubilee on Wednesday.

Carmody—The venerable Monsignor Carmody, parish priest of St. Patrick's, Halifax, celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination last week.

Morley—When Mr. Morley is in London he generally attends the High Mass at the Oratory on Sunday, finding pleasure in the music and listening keenly to the sermons.

Clancy—The consecration of Most Rev. Dr. Clancy as bishop of Elphine, in succession to the late Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, will take place in Sligo Cathedral on Monday, the 25th inst.

Geyer—Bishop Schwebach has refused to accept the resignation of vicar-general Geyer of the La Crosse diocese. Eather Geyer will remain at Chippewa Falls, as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo's church.

Smith—Rev. Sebastian B. Smith, D. D., of Paterson, N. J., the noted ecclesiastical lawyer and authority on canon law, died last Saturday in Havana, Cuba, where he had been sojourning in quest of health.

Satolli—His Excellency, Mgr. Satolli, has denied the report that he expressed the opinion that great spiritual and temporal blessings would befall Canada in the event of its annexation to the United States.

Astor—W. W. Astor is said to have wearied of his British journalistic ventures. Two millions in round figures is what the indulgence of this little fad cost the ex-American. That is a mere bagatelle to this modern Cæsar.

Fabre—Most Rev. Edward Charles Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal recently celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the Priesthood. After saying mass he administered communion to his mother, who is eighty years old.

Raikes—Rev. R. Raikes, Bromage, late rector of the Living of Christ's Church, Frome, England, and author of several religious works, recently renounced the Anglican creed and was received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal Vaughan.

Cavagnis—Monsignor Carini has been succeeded in the Canony of the Vatican Basilica by Mgr. Cavagnis. The municipality of Palermo has subscribed 5,600 lire to erect a monument in the Church of St. Domenino in memory of Mgr. Carini.

Faure—Felix Faure is a wealthy man, the result of his own labor. He was born in Paris, Jan. 30, 1841, but he is generally considered a Norman, since he spent most of his life at Havre, where he was a commission and shipping merchant, and at one time president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Gladstone—Mr. Gladstone has been living a very quiet life in the

Riviera. He has been spending most of his time reading, with interruption only for his meals and two long walks a day. Mr. Gladstone is engaged on a literary work that will soon be published. His family and friends do everything in their power to keep the aged statesman's mind from politics.

Reinboldt—Rev. Father J. N. Reinboldt former principal at St. Mary's Institute, Dayton, Ohio, died recently from heart failure, following grip. For twenty years he was the head of the Society of St. Mary in the United States and was a member of all important Catholic bodies that assembled in America or Europe in the past thirty years.

Ehrhard—Rev. J. V. Ehrhard of Paris, France, second assistant of the Society of Mary, is making a tour of inspection of the affairs of the order in America and the Sandwich Islands. Father Ehrhard arrived in New York from France a few weeks ago. It is the custom of the society to send one of its assistants on such a tour about every ten years. Father Ehrhard is accompanied by Brother J. B. Kim of Pittsburgh.

Crowley—Miles Crowley, the new member from Texas, seems destined to maintain his state's reputation for sending men of original personality to Congress. He is a Boston boy by birth, and Texans call him "Sir Miles." His first employment in the Lone Star State was as a longshoreman at Galveston. After becoming a boss stevedore he went into politics and was elected to the Legislature. Crowley is a man about 40 years, of rugged appearance.

Rampolla—Cardinal Rampolla, the Pope's "right-hand man," is a Sicilian, 48 years of age. His attainments are those of the profound theologian and acute diplomatist. In his private life he is the severe ascetic. He has been Papal secretary of state for over five years. A recent American magazine article states that he occupies the second place in the ecclesiastical as well as the political organization of the church, by the selection of the Sovereign Pontiff, by reason of his ability, his learning and his wisdom.

Flynn—The golden jubilee of Brother M. K. Flynn was celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 24, with solemn high mass and benediction at the Christian Brother's Oratory, Mount Zion, Waterford, Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of the diocese, presiding. The venerable jubilarian is a native of Tramore, county Waterford. He entered, fifty years ago, the novitiate of the Christian Brothers, then at Mount Zion. After twenty-five years spent in Liverpool he returned to Dublin, where he spent many years of useful labor. Twelve years ago he was sent by his superiors to Mount Zion.

Sims—The notorious Professor Walter Sims, who ought to know about the matter, seeing that he was an Apapist himself, says the claim of the A. P. A. to have 100,000 members in Michigan is untrue. The professor asserts that there are not more than 5000 Apapists in all Michigan today; and he declares that the proscriptionists exaggerate their number everywhere. What is more to the purpose, Sims says the order is rapidly dying out in the West, and adds that no one is more aware of that fact than the official who lately declared that it was 100,000 strong in Michigan alone.

## CATHOLIC—DOMESTIC.

In his February bulletin, Rev. A. P. Doyle, general secretary of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, announces the affiliation of the Knights of Father Mathew in the Southwest with the National Union.

Helen Cummings, known throughout the Catholic world as Sister de Chantel, for over thirty years Mother Superior of the Visitation Convent in Washington, D. C., died there on Sunday. She was born in Washington, August 18, 1811, and took the white veil at the age of nineteen.

The beautiful church of the Sacred Heart, attached to the convent of the Visitation at Somerville, three miles from Mobile, is rapidly nearing completion, and it will be consecrated in April. The building of white stone, very artistically designed, is the gift of several wealthy Catholics of Mobile.

Cardinal Gibbons announces that he will sail for Rome the first week in May. He will be accompanied by Rev. C. F. Thomas, rector of the Baltimore cathedral. This is the first authoritative information given out on the subject, although it was rumored as early as last December that the Cardinal intended to make the trip at an early date.

In response to an appeal by Rev. J. F. Durin, director of the Archconfraternity of St. Joseph, canonically erected in St. Joseph's Church, West De Pere, Wis., the Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence, valid during the year, to those who receive the sacraments and visit St. Joseph's Church, West De Pere, and pray for the intentions of his Holiness.

The new and handsome St. Patrick's church, recently erected at Colfax, Wash., was dedicated on Sunday, by his Lordship Bishop Junguer of Nesqually, assisted by the pastor, Rev. P. Kearns. At an early mass a large class of children made their first communion. After the last Mass, the Bishop also confirmed a large class. To-morrow, the new 1200 lb. bell will be blessed by his Lordship.

In Kansas City, on St. Patrick's Day, an inter-denominational celebration of the feast was held, the proceeds of the entertainment, for which an admission fee was charged, being divided among the Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew charities. Very Rev. Father J. J. Glennon, V. G., the Rev. Cameron Mann of Grace Episcopal church and Rabbi E. Schulman of the Jewish synagogue, spoke at the entertainment. Kansas City has always been regarded as the home of the A. P. A.

Mr. K. Geza Dome, the celebrated violinist, who came to America ten years ago as concert master of the Hungarian Orchestra, and with Remenyi achieved distinction all over the country, has decided, at the age of thirty-two, to take the cowl of the Dominican Order, and spend the rest of his life in seclusion at St. Rose Monastery, near Springfield, Washington county, Ohio. He is a graduate of Buda-Pesth University and has a degree of B. A. from Yale. He was a pupil of Joachim and Helmesberger.

Another alleged ex-priest has come to grief and is now serving a twenty days sentence in the Erie penitentiary, at Buffalo, N. Y. His name is Koehler, and for some time he delivered anti-Catholic lectures in that city. More recently he has been making a tour of Canada. About two weeks ago he returned to

this country penniless, and was arrested while returning from a meeting of the Baptist church deacons, for being a common vagrant. His story about being an ex-priest has been investigated and found to be untrue.

Two thieves entered the rectory of St. Jacob's German Church at Mount Vernon last week, and spent a couple of hours inspecting the house during the absence of the priest. Several times parishioners called and the thieves entertained them or else dismissed them with the information that the priest was away. An inspection of the premises next day showed that they had rifled a safe, broke open an iron cash box and helped themselves to everything of value that was portable. They have not yet been caught.

From Hogsburg, Franklyn county, N. Y., comes the statement that Dr. Seward Webb and Mr. Paul Smith gave the Sisters of Mercy of the diocese of Odgensburg a hundred acres of land for a sanitarium for consumptives. Hon. I. Perry, State Architect, donates the plan for a central building. A number of cottages will be put up at the same time. This sanitarium will be a great boon for city people. The location is delightful, the buildings well adapted for their purpose and the place easy of access from the principal cities.

There is a report that at the last meeting of the prelates of the Baltimore province it was decided to recommend to Rome the erection of an archdiocese at Savannah, with the present incumbent of that See, Dr. Becker, as the first metropolitan. Bishop Becker is now in the Eternal City, so if there be anything in the report the public will probably soon be informed in the matter. Catholic growth in the South has been much slower than in other sections of the country, and no archdiocese has been erected there since New Orleans was made a metropolitan See in 1850. In fact New Orleans and Baltimore are the only southern archbishops.

Rev. John T. Whelan, secretary to Cardinal Gibbons, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, in South Baltimore, to succeed the late Rev. Peter McCoy. Father Whelan, although one of the youngest priests of the Cardinal's household, is one of the most popular in Baltimore, and is well fitted by his experience at the Cathedral for the management of the large parish to which he will go. Father Whelan was born in Washington and was educated at St. Charles' College. He made his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary, on Paca street, and was ordained in December, 1895. His first appointment was as assistant priest at St. Patrick's Church, Washington. He was transferred in 1887 to Baltimore to become secretary to Cardinal Gibbons.

On Thursday last the War Department awarded a medal of honor to General St. Clair A. Mulholland, Pension Agent at Philadelphia, and brevet general United States Volunteers. This medal, which is awarded only for exceptional bravery, is possessed but by few in the entire country and in Philadelphia by a very small number, of whom two at least are well known in Catholic circles. The reason for the award in this case is that at the battle of Chancellorsville he remained in command of the picket line, holding the enemy in check throughout the night, during which time the Union forces were being withdrawn from the field. This service was voluntarily rendered in full expectation of capture by the enemy, if not annihilation.



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## Order of the Forty Hours' Devotion.

In the Churches and Chapels in the Diocese of San Francisco, for the month of March.

Fourth Sunday of Lent. St. Joseph's Church, Rio Vista.

## CALENDAR

For the Week Ending Saturday, March 16th 1895

## PATRON OF THE UNITED STATES

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
March 24. Sunday.—St. William of Norwich, M. (Boy of 12 years, 1137.  
March 25. Monday.—ANNUNCIATION, B.V.M.—A. I. A. C. B. M.  
Apparition of Mary Immaculate, Lourdes, 1858.  
March 26th. Tuesday. St. Ludgerus Bp. O. S. B. Westphalia, 809.  
March 27. Wednesday. St. John Damascene, D. 780.  
March 28. Thursday. St. John Capistrano Minorite, 1455 H. H.  
March 29. Friday. The Most Precious Blood.  
March 30. Friday. St. Zosimus, Bp. 660 S. John Climacus, Ab. 606.

## TO OUR PATRONS.

Mr. A. C. Eimers has been appointed City Agent for the CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC, and is authorized to receive and receipt for all moneys due this paper, for subscriptions, advertisements, etc.

All orders for job printing for the California Publishing Company entrusted to Mr. Eimers will receive proper attention, and satisfaction will be guaranteed in all cases.

There is a small matter that some of our subscribers seem to have allowed to escape their mind. This of course you will see to as soon as you have read this issue.

## Catholic University of America.

The generous gifts and legacies of clergy and laity from several parts of the country to the newly created University give every assurance that funds will not be wanting to complete and develop its foundation. The eclat of its opening, and the fact that its first Chancellor and Rector are a Cardinal and a Bishop have given the new institution a world-wide advertisement. But it should be remembered Rome was not built in a day nor is a University. Mushroom growth would be its ruin.

A University has a very distinct and definite work to accomplish. It differs not only in degree, but also in kind from that of colleges and centers of higher education. Excellent and interesting as the popular lectures are which have been delivered in Washington and elsewhere by some of the Staff and some of the graduates, it would be a mistake to consider this the work of a university. A moment's consideration shows the like could be done by the professors of any college.

The Bulletin of the University, published this quarter, is the first tangible evidence that the solid work for which this institution has been called into existence is about to be inaugurated. The faculty of Theology is in the main complete. And in course of time it will doubtless be able to put within reach of ecclesiastical undergraduates some of the

educational privileges enjoyed by the American College in Rome, and by the American College at the University of Louvain, Belgium. We rejoice to learn that next October, lay undergraduates are to be admitted and that the schools of philosophy and of social sciences are to be founded.

But here begins the difficulty. The number of Catholic laymen seeking higher education are few in number. The existing universities, notably that of Notre Dame, Indiana, and of Georgetown, Washington, D. C., have already won the esteem and affection of Catholic parents. It is of course natural and just, that the pupils of Jesuit schools and colleges should go to Georgetown. It has existed from the beginning of the United States as a nation, and has won for itself a lasting name in the intellectual world both Catholic and Protestant. At this moment its undergraduates number some five hundred.

This is not all. The Catholic University of America has not only solid and tried rivals, but it has to meet a special enemy, todayism. Catholics who have means and could devote time to higher education prefer to seek it in Protestant universities. The like has to be said of many who are preparing for professional careers. The first do so to enter society; the second to have a wider field of labor. This explains why all the Universities from Harvard, the oldest, to Palo Alto, the youngest, have many alumni belonging to Holy Faith. But a few weeks ago we cited an authority saying: "Compared with the finished scholastics of the Jesuits' schola maxima in America, the graduates of Harvard University in mathematics, language, natural sciences and philosophy are almost beginners."

This same todayism exists in England. As is proved by the result of the examinations, the several Catholic Colleges of Great Britain not only pass their alumni, but take honors at the London University which demands more of its graduates than do Oxford and Cambridge. Yet the fleshpot of Egypt is not learning but society, and this can only be attained at the two latter, and thither Catholics wish to go. Against it the bishops, led by Cardinal Manning, made a resolute stand; and to prevent any misunderstanding, no Catholic convert, or otherwise either lectures or accepts a chair at Oxford or Cambridge. This difficulty has to be met by the Catholic University of America. The mere founding of burses will never overcome it. On the contrary to persist in thus making it an eleemosynary institution would but increase the evil.

## Woman's Suffrage.

The Monitor describes as 'can't' as 'squeamish sentimentality' all talk about woman's sphere. This is sorely out of keeping with what Catholics have been taught by word of mouth from childhood, and with what their books of spirituality contain. The same paper tells us, that "the new woman and her family have come to stay," and

puts this forward as ground for Catholics to accept the inevitable. A similar argument might be used for divorce, for mixed marriages, for the separation of moral from intellectual training in education. The Monitor goes farther and insists that because "all men are equal" and that "manhood suffrage is practiced" there can be no logical objection to the enfranchisement of women.

Dr. Brownson, the thoughtful scholarly American Catholic met this years ago. "We deny," says he, "that women have a natural right to suffrage and eligibility; far neither is it natural right at all for either men or women. Either is a trust from civil society, not a natural and indefeasible right." Later he argues, "American Republicanism has never recognized suffrage as a personal right which a man carries with him whither he goes, but has always made it a territorial right which a man can exercise only in his own state, his own county, his own town or city and his own ward or precinct." Once more, "It is for civil society to determine in its wisdom whom it will or will not enfranchise; on whom it will or will not confer the trust."

"Women then have not, for men have not, any natural right to admission into the ranks of the sovereign people." And replying to objectors, Dr. Brownson writes: "Women cannot enter the political arena, and struggle for votes and intrigue for office, become inspectors of custom, tide-waiters; and night watchmen, or police officers or roundsmen without losing their refinement, and all those qualities which give them their social influence. They are utterly unfit to serve on our city police. . . . and if there is any branch of the public service for which they are unfitted, there is an end of the argument, for it proves that there are duties which only men can perform, and that the pretence that women are competent to fill any and every office that men can fill is unfounded."

Dr. Brownson continues his argument, and shows from various standpoints the evil consequences of extending suffrage to womankind. The good which the Monitor anticipates from the votes of noble women would be counteracted by the action and influence of brazen fallen females in caucuses at the polls.

"Women were created to be wife and mother. To that destiny all her instincts point, and for it nature has specially qualified her. Her proper sphere is home, and her proper function is the care of the household, to manage a family, to take care of children and attend to their early training. For this she is endowed with patience, endurance, passive courage, quick sensibilities, a sympathetic nature and great executive and administrative ability." It has been said somewhat sarcastically but truly woman government has made us a nation of dyspeptics. And still more pointedly, "There is probably no country in the world in which there is

so much disobedience and irreverence to parents, or in which family affections are so weak and count for so little as our own." If this be true, surely women have been egregiously neglecting their duties, for they have more than in any other country the education of youth and childhood in their hands. Instead of seeking for suffrage, let them exercise all their influence to instill respect for authority, obedience to powers and laws that be, honesty and truth in all the relations of life. Our Catholic women have the means of doing this more efficiently than any other. On them devolves a great responsibility. The future of the country is largely in their hands; their power to suppress political corruption, and preserve pure patriotism will not be by registering votes at the polls but by making their husbands and children breathe the moral atmosphere of a true Catholic Home.

## CARDINAL GIBBONS

ON READING THE SCRIPTURES.

We extract from the learned and pious discourse of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, on reading the Bible, the following:

"It is a remarkable and significant fact that the Bible is the only book which Christ is known ever to have read or to have quoted in the whole course of His public ministry. He never made any allusion whatever to the classic literature of Greece and Rome, which flourished in His day."

"The Word of God is an inexhaustible treasury of heavenly science. It is the only oracle that discloses to us the origin and sublime destiny of man and the means of attaining it. It is the key that interprets his relations to his Creator. It is the foundation of our Christian faith and of our glorious heritage. Its moral code is the standard of our lives."

## BASIS OF CIVILIZATION.

"If our Christian civilization is so manifestly superior to all actual and pre-existing social systems, it is indebted for its supremacy to the ethical teachings of Holy Writ."

"Viewed as an historical chronicle, the Word of God is the most ancient, the most authentic and the most instructive and interesting record ever presented to mankind. It contains the only reliable history of the human race before the deluge, embracing a period of more than fifteen hundred years from the creation of Adam to the time of Noah. Were it not for the Hebrew annalist the antediluvian age would be a complete blank to all succeeding generations."

"The Decalogue is 700 years older than the jurisprudence of Lycurgus; it is 2,000 years older than that of Justinian; it is 2,600 years older than that of the Magna Charta; it is 3,300 years older than the code of Napoleon, and almost as many years older than the American Constitution—and yet the Decalogue is better known today, and more universally inculcated than any law ever framed by the hand of man. It is an historical monument that has remained impregnable for thousands of years and has successfully withstood the violent shocks of the most formidable assailants."

"There is not a single arch or column or keystone in the sacred edifice that does not show some marks of foreign or domestic assault. But there it stands, as firm as the pyramids, unshaken and unruined by the upheavals and revolutions of centuries."

"It gives us the narrative of the most memorable and momentous events and of the most eminent men that have ever figured in the theatre of the world. There is scarcely a notable incident recorded in the Scripture that may not serve as a text for some moral reflections. Bible facts are sermons as well. Read Massillon's discourses and you will perceive the truth of this assertion."

"If history is philosophy, teaching by example, this definition is specially applicable to the Word of God, for the apostle says that 'what things so ever

were written, were written for our learning.' There is not a single virtue that is not embellished by the luminous example of some patriarch or prophet or apostle or king or matron in the Sacred Book."

"If you look for an example of unshaken faith and hope to God, where will you find it more beautifully portrayed than in Abraham? In David you have a conspicuous marvel of tender piety toward God and of magnanimity toward an enemy. Chastity and filial affection shown forth in the life of the patriarch Joseph, Tobias and Job were held up as types of patience and resignation in adversity. Martial heroism are strikingly exhibited in Gideon and the Machabees and domestic affection by Jacob and Ruth. Susana is a sublime pattern of conjugal purity and St. Paul of burning zeal and apostolic courage."

## SUPERIORITY OF INNOCENCE.

"Where shall we find a more graphic and impressive picture than that of Paul, with his face emaciated after two years of imprisonment and led in chains to the hall of Felix, the Governor of Cesarea? Felix is presiding, with his adulterous wife sitting beside him. The apostle with uplifted, manacled hands preached to Felix on righteousness and chastity and the judgement to come. Felix trembled before the prisoner and hastily withdrew from the chamber, stung by the words of Paul and oppressed by a guilty conscience. What a striking instance is this of the superiority of innocence enchaind over guilt enthroned. Well might Felix tremble at those three words, justice, chastity and the judgement to come, for justice he trampled on, chastity he had violated and judgement to come he had reason to dread."

## Watches Given Away.

Here is a chance for bright boys and girls to secure a handsome nickel, silver or gold watch by the expenditure of a little time and energy and a visit to a few friends.

The publisher of the CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC has made arrangements with a wholesale jewelryhouse of this city for a large supply of watches—good time-keepers and of pretty design. These we propose to distribute in a manner which will bring them within the reach of everyone.

Special blanks have been provided by which intending subscribers pay to the boy or girl canvasser 25 cents, and agree to pay 50 cents more any time at the subscriber's convenience within the six months, for a subscription covering that length of time. On receipt of the name, accompanied by 25 cents, the paper will be forwarded every week, and the publisher will wait for the balance.

As soon as ten names are secured and \$2.50 paid at the office, the boy or girl canvasser will be entitled to an elegant nickel watch, suitable in size or either sex.

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The Congregation of Rites is to begin immediately to prepare the decrees for the Beatification of the Venerable Bernardo Realino, who was a member of the Society of Jesus, and Vincenryō Romano, parish priest of Ercolane. The Pope has quite recently issued the order to this effect.

## VIOLETS.

(Written for the CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC.)

Oh sweet violets humbly peeping,  
From beneath those leaves so green,  
What clear thought is to one suggested.

What do those sly glances mean?

Art thou like the maiden coy,  
Flirting from behind her fan,  
And whose only thought is joy?

Or art thou like the infant sweet,  
With curling hair and laughing face  
That hides its eyes tho't fain would peep,

While on its cheeks the tears we trace?

No, thou art like the purest soul

That climbs along the narrow way,  
With modest eyes upturned for light  
More holy than the light of day.

K. F. B.

## Differences in Guatemala.

Private advices received here give an interesting and important communication from Mgr. Satolli to officers of Guatemala, concerning that country's following the course of Nicaragua in sending to Rome an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. In the course of the document reference is made as to the propriety under the United States Constitution of official relations between Washington and Rome, and an interpretation given to that feature of the Constitution relative to the separation of Church and State. Besides this direct reference to the United States, it is said that Mgr. Satolli's argument as to the propriety of influential relations between Guatemala and Rome applies also to the United States, as he states that the Constitutional provision of both countries is the same respecting Church and State.

The letter says: "And, therefore, His Holiness consents to proceed to the nomination of an apostolic administration to the See of Guatemala, who, being a stranger to every faction, and without personal preoccupation, should put in order the religious affairs of the vast archdiocese which have for so many years been without its urgent needs. The apostolic administrator should be a European selected from among notable prelates or monks, and of tried piety and prudence. Being such, he should more readily succeed in his difficult mission."

## The Difference.

When a raking, reckless youth goes astray, his friends gather round him in order to restore him to the path of virtue. He is "only sowing his wild oats," and may be reclaimed and made a shining light in society. Gentleness and kindness are lavished upon him to win him back again to innocence and peace. No one would ever suspect that he had ever sinned. But when a poor, confiding girl is betrayed, she receives the brand of society, and is henceforth driven from the ways of virtue. The betrayer is honored, respected and esteemed; there is no peace for her this side of the grave. Society has no loving, helping hand for her; no smile of peace, no voice of forgiveness. These are earthly moralities unknown to heaven. There is a deep wrong in them, and fearful are the consequences.

## Hoffman's Directory.

The tenth volume of Hoffman's Catholic Directory and Clergy List has just been issued. A number of improvements and additions have been made in the present number. All reports of dioceses are so arranged that the report for each parish is given under its proper head, showing what missions are attended from each parish, besides the schools and other institutions belonging thereto. A complete alphabetical list of all places in the United States at which churches are located is also given.

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## What Do the Stars Portend?

The year 1895 will be a remarkable one, both from an astronomical and a religious point of view. On good Friday next, April 12th, the heavenly bodies which gravitate around the sun will begin exactly the same position they occupied in the firmament on the day Christ died on the cross.

It will be the first time such a thing has occurred since that great day, just 1862 years ago. That was the thirty-third year of the Christian era, which dates from the birth of Jesus Christ.

At 4:20 in the morning, Paris time, the moon will pass before Virginia (Spica), and hide that constellation from view for over an hour.

## LOCAL

## The Feast

proper

## DEATH

Rev. J. E.

Eloquence

The feast was observed in the city, more or less, on Sunday. The day was somewhat rainy, but the fact that the Catholic social the demeanour and their desire for the green in their broadrous in the the order of and women throughout the rock in their

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A SLY OLD WOODCHUCK AND HIS PERSISTENT ENEMY.

A Long Island Farmer Relates His Experience With a Chuck That Had Become Very Smart Through Close Touch With Civilization.

"Speakin' of woodchucks," said an old Long Island farmer the other day, "reminds me of some curious incidents with 'em. 'Twarn't more'n 50 years ago when they was thick as flies on this island, an we ate them instead of rabbits an made mufflers and mittens out of their skins. They was mighty warm, too, those old woodchuck mittens an mufflers. When a man wanted a big fellow, he only had to walk down into the nearest field an take his pick out of two or three. They was so plentiful that it was no trouble to kill 'em. But they have been killed off now so that there ain't many more round. Onct in awhile a big fellow brings up a litter into the lower clover lot an we have to root 'em out.

"Ever hunt woodchucks? Waal, it ain't much if they be young ones. If you wait long enough, you'll catch them runnin' across the lot in broad daylight. If you are a good shot, you can bring one down. They're tough, an a big fellow will carry away a big load of shot. But if you got hold of a big fellow, an old veteran, so to speak, you'll find it no easy job to dislodge him. He's too knowin' a cuss to live. He'll only eat your clover at night, an, Lord, how much he can get away with in one night! In the daytime he keeps close into his hole an laughs at you. Dig him out? Waal, yes, you can try it, but he'll dig a good deal faster on the other end than you will an take it easy at that. Mind you, I'm talkin' of old ones—those know all the tricks of the business. The woodchucks that you find on Long Island are wiser than those most anywhere else 'cause they have to be cunning an shrewd not to get killed. They're so close to civilization that they learn new tricks all the time.

"A few years ago a cunning old fellow took up his home in that clover field just off the lower medders, an we had the hardest time to kill him that you can imagine. I guess afore we got through with him he cost us 'bout \$100—that is, fur clover destroyed an labor at \$1.50 per day lost in trying to capture him. 'Twarn't any use layin' in wait for him with a shotgun. He was too wise to poke his nose out of the hole. But every night he'd come out an eat clover fast enough. He brought up seven litters of young chucks in that field, but we killed 'em all except the old one. He'd bring a new mate with him to his home every season, but she'd be shot in tryin' to save her young ones. But we could never get a shot at the prime mover of the whole trouble. We waited for him on moonlight nights an we'd get a shot at him onct. But I guess we only crippled him, an he never ventured out again except on dark nights. We had no chance then. We tried to dig him out, but after three days of steady work we got tired. Then we started to burn an smoke him out, but it ain't no easy matter to make smoke go down hill an get into all of the holes that a woodchuck can make. Finally we decided to drown the old critter out. We got together all the old pork an oil barrels that we could find an filled them full of water. Then when everything was ready Si an Jake, my two sons, stood ready with a pitchfork an shotgun while I poured the water into the hole.

"Waal, sir, that hole held more water than any millpond. It took the hull ten barrelsful to bring it up to the surface, an then, jest as I put in the last barrel, that pesky old chuck showed his nose. Si jabbed at him with the pitchfork, an Jake shot the handle to pieces as he banged away at the critter. But it warn't no use. The water soaked away rapidly, an the woodchuck went down again, grinnin' at our failure.

"But we warn't so easily discouraged. Next day we added five more barrels an all the tubs an pails round the house. Then we began to flood that hole again. This time we had plenty of water, but there was no woodchuck to appear. The water came up to the surface an flowed out of the hole, but no woodchuck. We thought he had left his home for good after his first duckin'. But no. He came out again that night, an ate more clover than usual jest as if to spite us. Waal, we found out in time that the critter was so wise that he had dug his hole way up toward a hill so that he could sit up there an watch us pourin' water in at the other end. This put a stop to any attempt to drown him out.

"It was Si that rigged up the trap that finally caught the old fellow. He took a big stone weight 'bout 50 pounds an suspended it right over the hole. Then he fixed a little stick down below jest as he would set a rabbit trap. The old muskrat couldn't get out of the hole noway without hitting that stick, an—well, the thing happened two nights later. The first night the critter didn't venture out, but the second mornin' the stone was down, an the old fellow was crushed beneath it. We ain't had none in the fields since then."—New York Post.

#### Great Courtesy.

Mme. Calve had an experience with the courtesy of the Spanish thieves once while she was in Madrid. Two well dressed strangers stole her satchel, which contained some money and a number of luck pieces and talismans, including a bunch of dried flowers from her father's grave. The loss worried the artist, but when the newspapers reported the theft the thieves sent her the precious relics neatly inclosed in a packet, in which was a polite note begging that the "finder" of the relic might be permitted to keep the money as a souvenir of so charming a vocalist. —New York World.

### A CRITIC SURPRISED.

Lord Randolph Churchill's Crushing Interview With a Hypercritical Dandy.

Lord Randolph Churchill took a very keen artistic delight in his wife's musical accomplishments, but he was unwilling that any one else should speak disparagingly of them. At an entertainment once, where she had consented to execute a brilliant dash on the piano, a tall youth with bangs and a monocle was observed paying a languid and rather insolent attention to the music, standing close enough to the performer to have his comments easily overheard by her. Lord Randy was close at hand, too, and presently heard the rapid youth remark:

"Deuced fine music, you know, but it lacks weal soul—it lacks weal soul." To the critic's astonishment a muscular young man, with a big mustache, whom he had not noticed before, whispered in his ear:

"For a shilling I'd wallop the life out of you!" He hastened to withdraw, but without discovering the identity of the author of the menace. The next day, to his delight, he received an invitation to the Churchills' home. Of course he accepted with avidity. On entering he was met by his threatening neighbor of the night before, who, he at once discerned, must be Lord Randolph. He proceeded no farther than the entrance hall, for Churchill beckoned in the direction of the drawing room, and out floated Lady Churchill.

"This fellow has come to apologize to you for his remark of last night," hissed Lord Randolph. "Now," to the stranger, "down on your knees!" Down went the dandy, lisping out the most abject plea for forgiveness. Then he was turned over to a footman to be put ignominiously out of the door, while the host followed his retreating figure with a roar of derisive laughter. —Kate Field's Washington.

### SEA ANEMONE AND BARNACLE.

An Odd Pair of Chums to Be Seen in the Aquarium at Castle Garden.

The sea anemone is very sensitive. It closes at a hostile or thoughtless touch, not rapidly, for it can't do anything very rapidly, but as rapidly as it can, curling its tentacles inward and covering them over with its outer skin and flattening it down upon the rock. But it is not disturbed by its friends. In one of the smaller glass tanks at the city's aquarium at Castle Garden there are several little sea anemones taken from spiles and stones about the Battery. In the same tank, almost within reach of these anemones, are some common barnacles—little ones, half an inch or so in diameter. Lacking in beauty as the barnacle may be, it is provided with a most wonderful handlike member, which it throws up from its shell, with which it sweeps the water for food, the minute animalculæ upon which it feeds.

One of these barnacles is so close to one of the little anemones that when he flings his net it almost or quite touches the tips of the anemone's tentacles, which spread like the most delicate and feathery branches of the tiniest little tree. But the anemone doesn't close up. Not a bit. Here down deep in the tank its branches wave in the gently agitated water, as delicate as they are, they might do in the gentlest zephyrs on the land, and they wave and wave as the barnacle throws its net. Perhaps the sea anemone has its own benefit in mind through all this, for it is quite probable that the agitation of the water brings to it food that it might not otherwise receive; but, however that may be, the fact remains that the little anemone that would close at the slightest touch of an enemy is quite undisturbed by anything that its friend and neighbor the barnacle might do. —New York Sun.

### Flowers In Northern Russia.

An English traveler in northern Russia writes to The Gardener's Chronicle that nothing surprised him more than the universal presence of well grown flowering plants in dwelling rooms. Even in the cells of monasteries and in the studios of city photographers farther north than Archangel he found such plants as oleanders, crotons, pelargoniums and fuchsias in almost every room. The double windows, so necessary to keep out the cold, have a draft tight space between them filled with flowering plants, and it does not seem necessary to open them for air during the short hot summer. From September to June the country is buried in snow and the average temperature for January is only 10 degrees. The July temperature, however, has an average of 60 degrees F., which is hardly to be wondered at when it is remembered that the sun shines 22 hours out of the 24.

### A Whistler Story.

One of the best of the Rossetti stories concerns Mr. Whistler. Once Rossetti asked Whistler how he liked a sketch he had made for a picture. "It has good points," was the answer. "Go ahead with it." A few weeks later he was asked about the picture. "Doing famously," said Rossetti. "I've ordered a stunning frame for it." Some time later Mr. Whistler saw the canvas, framed, but still virgin of paintbrush or paint. "You've done nothing to it," said Mr. Whistler. "No," replied Rossetti, "but I've written a sonnet on the subject, if you would care to hear it." When the recitation was over, Mr. Whistler said, "Rossetti, take out the canvas and put the sonnet in the frame." —Pall Mall Budget.

### Cautious Turkey.

The Russian government has asked permission of Turkey to make measurements of the sea of Marmora in order to determine scientifically what changes have occurred through the late earthquakes. The porte has given the desired permission, but the Russian man-of-war will be escorted by a Turkish vessel, and a Turkish naval officer will assist at all the scientific examinations of the coast.

### THE WILDEST LAND.

Oregon Has the Honor of Having the Roughest Tract Known to Man.

Assistant Chief Goode of the United States geological survey, who visited Oregon last summer, says that the wildest region of the entire United States is an area of 1,000 square miles lying in the mountains between Roseburg and Coquille in Douglas and Coos counties. He describes it as a mysterious undisturbed country, in which roams undisturbed wild game, and whose brooks and rivers are filled with wild fowl. It is nearly all covered with a dense growth of pine, fir, hemlock and other trees. Many of the trees are of enormous size and stand so closely that it is difficult for men to make their way between them. Where the trees are not so thick the heavy growth of bushes of various kinds takes their place.

It is a country that is filled with all kinds of wild game, including, as reported to him, elk, different kinds of bear, mountain lions, deer and other animals, including lynx and others. There are also the varied kinds of fowl. The streams all have an abundance of trout and other kinds of fish. He penetrated into the wilds a dozen miles and saw things that filled him with wonder at the vastness of the forest, and that any one should attempt to live in it. —Northwest Magazine.

### Dressing the Small Boy.

A boy of 2½ or 3 three years of age is not too young for kilts and blouses, but do not put him into trousers. Any of the thick flannels or soft cloths that are used for cloaks for little girls will make a suitable coat for him. A coat buttoned down the front, with a deep collar or small cape reaching to the shoulders, is a good style for a boy. Be sure to protect his feet with overshoes and long gaiters when he goes out. It is very important to have the feet warm as well as dry. Neglect of this precaution is apt to bring on an attack of croup in children who are predisposed to it, and it is a fruitful source of colds. A woolen Tam O'Shanter is a pretty head covering when it is not necessary to cover the ears. In that case have a felt hat trimmed with velvet and broad strings to tie under the chin. The three cornered continental hat is still worn and is very picturesque. —Ladies' Home Journal.

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